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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: A.F. Istvan et al. Attorney Docket No.: DIGE123661 (Digeo 139.1)
Application No.: 09/895,861 Group Art Unit: 2611
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Title: USER MODEL FOR INTERACTIVE TELEVISION SYSTEM

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated September 9, 2005. In the Office Action, Claims 1 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Williams (U.S. Patent No. 6,202,211). Additionally, Claims 1, 3-11 and 13-22 were rejected as being anticipated by Ellis (PCT Publication No. WO 00/04707).

Applicants have carefully considered the pending claims, the cited references, and the comments presented in the Office Action, and respectfully traverse the claim rejections set forth in the Office Action. Applicants submit that neither Williams nor Ellis teaches or suggests the subject matter recited in Claims 1, 3-11, and 13-22. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, and for the reasons set forth below, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application.

Before discussing in detail the reasons why applicants believe that Claims 1, 3-11, and 13-22 are allowable, applicants provide the following brief description of embodiments disclosed in the present application.

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